

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 14 June 2005

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Committee I: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq, (Vice Chair), Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, John W. Flynn, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair),

Not Present: Edward F. Almon, Robert L. Bernstein, John Keimig, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside, John Young

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (see attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The minutes of the 24 May 2005 meeting of the Project Review Committee-I were approved as submitted. Staff noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman stated that due to the Open Meetings Act the minutes of the meetings have to be available to the public by the next meeting date or within thirty-five days, which ever is sooner. The Chairman noted that the next meeting might not occur within thirty-five days or the minutes might not be available by the next meeting. He further noted that there is an allowable exception whereby the availability of the minutes may, by a majority vote, be extended. A motion was made, seconded and passed by five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Centofanti, Flynn, Kinder, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application Health Resources of Warwick, Inc. d/b/a Kent Regency Center [Genesis HealthCare Corporation] for a certificate of need for life safety improvements, interior renovations, new furniture and furnishings, exterior courtyard enhancements and new construction. Staff stated that at the 24 May 2005 the Committee had additional questions for the applicant, the responses to which have been mailed. Staff noted that additionally,

an advisory was received from John Young, Associate Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, stating that ‘based on the review, this project appears to be affordable’. Staff stated that inconsistencies were identified in the responses with respect to the number of parking spaces proposed, and that the applicant has clarified that there will be an additional 20 parking spaces. Staff stated that the total cost of the spaces is \$14,000 and noted that the applicant confirmed that this would not alter the total capital cost of the project. Staff noted that there have been no other comments received. The capital cost of the project, \$4,997,847, is proposed to be financed with 100% equity.

The applicant discussed the responses to the questions. Staff noted that a dollar amount of the capital cost for the life and safety issues is off by \$500. The applicant agreed to correct the response.

The Chairman recommended a condition of approval that the applicant receive the appropriate zoning approval from the City of Warwick.

To the question of how the life and safety issues were identified, the applicant stated that it was based on the federal inspection conducted in January.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) to recommend that the application be

approved to go before Health Services Council including a condition of approval that the applicant receiving appropriate zoning approval from the City of Warwick. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Centofanti, Flynn, Kinder, Quigley.

Staff stated that the next meeting of the Health Services Council is scheduled for 28 June 2005. Staff noted that the comment period for this application is still open and should there be a receipt of any comments before the end of the comment period the matter will be handled by either the Project Review Committee-I or at the Health Services Council, depending on the subject matter of the comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova